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OF THE OFFICERS OF THE

Town of Madison

For the Fiscal Year Ending
February 15, 1917

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....1917....

NORTH CONWAY, N. H.
REPORTER BOOK AND JOB PRESS
1917

Treasurer's Report

To the Town of Madison:

In compliance of Chapter 40, Section 10, of the General Laws of the State of New Hampshire, I hereby submit a report of all my financial transactions as Town Treasurer during the financial year ending February 15, 1917.

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury as per last report,	$ 795 52
Insurance tax,	5 62
Railroad tax,	217 88
Savings bank tax,	261 62
Literary fund,	62 10
School fund,	490 83
Bounty on hedge hogs,	13 40
Fish and Game Commission, general expense,	15 75
State forest, fire money,	4 58
Highway department, trunk line,	11 61
Highway department, trunk line,	11 00
Highway department, state highway appropriation,	150 00
Highway department, state highway appropriation,	150 00
Highway department, state highway appropriation,	43 19
John T. Clow, balance of Memorial fund,	5 00
James O. Gerry, filing for representative,	2 00

Samuel J. Gilman, filing for representative,	2 00
Roscoe G. Greene, collection for 1916,	6,449 18
Roscoe G. Greene, collection for 1915,	35 67
Roscoe G. Greene, collection for 1915,	18 13
Town Clerk, dog license,	64 80
E. E. Kennett, for use of town hall,	12 00
	$8,821 88

DISBURSEMENTS

	State tax,	$ 727 50
Order No.		
277	Samuel A. Hidden, county tax,	$ 606 25

ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL TREASURER

108	Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	$ 300 00
109	Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	200 00
218	Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	300 00
240	Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	250 00
274	Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	250 00
300	Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	200 00
301	Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	100 00
302	Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	400 00
318	Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	569 33
		$2,569 33

FOREST FIRES

Order No.		
26	C. Ralph Kennett, fighting fire,	$ 9 15
276	Walter Kennett, fighting fire,	3 50
		$ 12 65

BREAKING ROADS

Order No.		
1	H. E. Drew,	$ 26 50
2	W. K. Forrest,	27 00
3	I. C. Kennett,	24 00
6	H. E. Drew,	48 00
7	S. O. Huckins,	4 50
10	I. C. Kennett,	12 00
13	S. O. Huckins,	1 50
14	Wilbur Harmon,	28 75
15	Abner Harmon,	14 00
18	William Granville,	27 00
19	Edson S. Nickerson,	20 00
21	Walter Kennett,	7 00
23	E. E. Kennett,	40 00
24	Arthur Balch,	36 50
25	Henry Harmon,	40 00
28	Ray Hodgdon,	16 00
29	Theodore Pearson,	8 36
45	Costello Robbins,	2 50
46	Ray Hodgdon,	5 40
49	Waldo G. Loud,	32 00
50	Albert Bickford,	32 00
51	Sumner Bickford,	32 00
52	Fred Bickford,	31 00
53	H. E. Chick,	23 00
67	I. W. Frost,	47 00
100	Benjamin Bickford,	55 00
281	Frank E. Lyman,	20 00
282	John L. Frost,	29 50
292	N. K. Forrest,	33 00
319	Frank G. Ward,	42 00
331	A. H. Reynolds,	5 00
		$ 770 51

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

H. C. Harriman, Agent

Order No.		
31	Elmer Littlefield,	$ 3 47
32	H. H. Gilman,	13 10
33	Arthur Balch,	9 25
34	William Jenness,	10 18
35	Fred Clayton,	10 00
36	Clayton Cross,	10 00
37	I. C. Kennett,	18 80
38	Henry Harmon,	22 50
39	E. E. Kennett,	29 25
40	H. C. Harriman,	20 95
68	H. H. Gilman,	18 47
69	Arthur Balch,	1 50
70	I. C. Kennett,	4 50
71	Isaac Thurston,	2 50
72	Arthur Balch,	6 90
73	H. C. Harriman,	17 58
74	E. E. Kennett,	4 50
75	Will Jenness,	1 85
76	I. W. Frost,	3 70
77	James Lane,	3 24
78	Raymond Ambrose,	3 24
79	David Hurd,	50
80	Henry Harmon,	4 30
119	E. E. Kennett,	8 00
123	H. H. Gilman,	3 20
124	Will Jenness,	3 20
125	Arthur Balch,	3 20
126	Henry Harmon,	5 50
127	I. W. Frost,	3 70
128	Joel W. Harmon,	2 85
129	H. C. Harriman,	8 85

154	Henry Harmon,	41 62
155	I. W. Frost,	16 15
156	Fred Frost,	10 60
158	Wilbur Harmon,	16 15
159	H. C. Harriman,	20 00
160	E. E. Kennett,	31 50
161	Will Jenness,	11 10
162	Jesse Hurd,	25 00
163	H. H. Gilman	9 25
164	Frank G. Ward,	1 00
165	Fred Clayton,	7 40
166	Raymond Ambrose,	6 48
167	W. E. Granville,	1 85
257	E. E. Kennett,	16 00
258	Joseph Foster,	3 00
259	James O. Gerry, bridge plank and gravel,	17 40
262	Irving Ambrose, sharpening tools,	1 45
263	H. C. Harriman,	1 50
264	H. H. Gilman,	87
		$ 497 10

W. G. Lowd, Agent

Order No.		
81	John Stillings,	$ 18 50
82	Leslie Emerson,	18 50
83	Henry Harmon,	37 72
84	W. G. Lowd,	41 85
85	Lewis E. Chamberlain,	40 50
86	Fred Clayton,	15 72
87	Clayton Cross,	18 00
88	Zanford Granville,	5 55
89	John Pearson,	15 72
90	Theodore C. Pearson,	15 72
91	Edgar Shaw,	9 25

92	Will Granville,	13 87
120	John H. Pearson,	2 78
121	W. G. Lowd,	3 00
122	E. Shaw,	4 75
130	I. W. Frost,	3 70
131	Fred Frost,	2 78
132	Henry Harmon,	9 00
134	John Stillings,	18 50
135	W. G. Lowd,	15 00
136	George Webster,	7 40
173	Henry Harmon,	2 25
241	W. G. Lowd, dynamite, caps and fuse,	1 50
242	Victor Staples,	4 00
243	John Banfill,	1 85
244	Arthur Balch,	13 88
245	E. Shaw,	12 95
267	W. G. Lowd,	26 25
279	John H. Pearson,	2 00
280	W. G. Lowd,	4 00
289	John F. Chick, bridge plank,	7 98
278	William Granville,	1 85
		$ 396 32

I. C. Kennett, Agent

Order No.		
54	I. W. Frost,	$ 16 93
55	James Lane,	6 00
56	Zanford Granville,	15 73
57	Raymond Ambrose,	12 95
58	George Webster,	8 33
59	Joel M. Harmon,	1 85
60	E. E. Kennett,	29 50
61	I. C. Kennett,	37 50
62	Ernest Brown,	2 25

Order No.		
63	Fred Frost,	6 48
64	Will Jenness,	5 55
65	Arthur Balch,	5 55
66	Walter Kennett,	13 50
105	I. C. Kennett,	15 00
106	Clayton Cross,	7 85
110	James Lane,	3 70
111	I. C. Kennett,	20 00
112	James Lane,	7 40
113	Walter Kennett,	6 35
114	George Webster,	3 70
115	Mark Nickerson,	3 70
116	Raymond Ambrose,	5 55
117	I. W. Frost,	4 00
118	I. C. Kennett,	5 00
153	Raymond Ambrose,	7 40
192	Herbert E. Chick,	1 00
193	E. S. Nickerson,	1 00
194	I. C. Kennett,	5 00
195	Mark Nickerson,	7 40
196	James Lane,	7 40
197	Geo. Webster,	1 85
285	I. C. Kennett,	23 00
286	Zanford Granville,	1 85
287	James Lane,	11 10
291	John F. Chick, bridge plank,	39 93
107	W. L. Jewett,	4 62
		$ 355 92

Special Agents

Order No.		
304	A. C. Kennett, railing, bridge at Quarry,	$ 4 13

Order No.		
310	Wm. Salter, work on highway,	10 00
316	C. Ralph Kennett, work on highway,	2 00
		$ 16 13

STATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

137	I. W. Frost, for work on road,	$ 11 00
138	Fred Clayton,	9 00
139	H. H. Gilman,	7 63
140	Wilbur Harmon,	9 00
141	N. M. Nason,	11 00
142	Raymond Ambrose,	11 00
143	Zanford Granville,	4 63
144	Henry Harmon,	24 75
145	W. E. Granville,	2 00
146	W. L. Jenness,	6 48
147	H. C. Harriman,	5 00
148	George Webster,	4 00
149	E. E. Kennett,	15 75
150	Arthur Balch,	8 33
151	John Stillings,	7 00
152	Leslie Emerson,	7 00
174	E. E. Kennett,	20 25
175	W. G. Lowd,	22 50
176	H. Harmon,	22 50
177	Walter Kennett,	13 50
178	H. H. Gilman,	12 50
179	I. W. Frost,	10 00
180	Wilbur Harmon,	10 00
181	H. C. Harriman,	12 50
182	John Stillings,	10 00
183	Zanford Granville,	9 25

184	Wm. Granville,	10 00
185	Wm. Jenness,	9 25
186	Fred Clayton,	5 50
187	Leslie Emerson,	10 00
188	Raymond Ambrose,	10 00
189	N. M. Mason,	10 00
190	Arthur Balch,	9 25
191	I. C. Kennett,	6 43
198	E. E. Kennett,	13 50
199	W. G. Loud,	18 00
200	I. C. Kennett,	19 90
201	Henry Harmon,	24 50
202	H. H. Gilman,	11 50
203	I. W. Frost,	12 00
204	Wilbur Harmon,	10 00
205	H. C. Harriman,	11 88
206	John Stillings,	8 00
207	W. E. Granville,	6 00
208	Zanford Granville,	11 10
209	Wm. Jenness,	5 55
210	Fred Clayton,	12 00
211	Leslie Emerson,	10 00
212	Raymond Ambrose,	12 00
213	N. M. Mason,	8 00
214	Arthur Balch,	11 10
215	John F. Chick, cement,	1 20
216	Irving Ambrose,	7 60
221	E. E. Kennett,	31 50
222	Henry Harmon,	38 00
223	I. C. Kennett,	11 00
224	I. C. Kennett,	16 00
225	W. G. Lowd,	38 25
226	I. W. Frost,	19 00
227	N. M. Nason,	19 00
228	Arthur Balch,	19 00

Order No.		
229	Raymond Ambrose,	17 00
230	H. H. Gilman,	13 00
231	Leslie Emerson,	8 00
232	Fred Clayton,	13 00
233	Wm. Jenness,	17 00
234	Daniel Hagerty,	6 00
235	Wilbur Harmon,	5 00
236	Floyd Jones,	9 00
237	Zanford Granville,	3 70
238	H. C. Harriman,	2 50
239	Wm. Granville,	1 00
239½	John Pearson,	2 00
247	Frank D. Lamson, gravel,	64 00
248	Jacob Haines, gravel,	1 00
249	Henry Harmon,	9 75
250	Wilbur Harmon,	4 00
251	E. E. Kennett,	5 50
252	I. W. Frost,	3 00
253	I. W. Frost,	5 00
254	Irving Ambrose, sharpening tools,	2 85
256	John F. Chick, plank for bridge,	9 50
261	N. M. Nason,	12 00
266	H. C. Harriman,	12 50
268	Wm. Jenness,	2 00
269	I. W. Frost,	4 00
270	Gilman Bros.,	6 00
271	John H. Burke,	21 10
		$1,021 98

STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

E. E. Kennett, Agent

93	Elwin Drew,	$ 3 70

Order No.		
94	E. E. Kennett,	4 50
95	A. C. Balch,	1 85
96	Walter Kennett,	11 25
97	I. W. Frost,	8 33
98	James Lane,	5 55
99	R. P. Thurston,	3 70
101	Raymond Ambrose,	9 25
102	W. L. Jenness,	13 88
103	Clayton Cross,	4 73
104	George Webster,	5 55
171	W. L. Jenness,	3 70
172	E. E. Kennett,	25 00
255	E. E. Kennett,	15 00
288	E. E. Kennett,	30 73
284	I. C. Kennett,	20 25
170	John H. Burke,	4 00
169	Elwin Drew,	4 20
		$ 175 17

CUMMINGS ROAD ACCOUNT

157	F. B. Knapp, surveying road,	$ 10 00
219	I. W. Frost, work on road,	4 00
220	Henry Harmon, work on road,	5 00
260	Steven Stacy, work on road,	8 00
265	Raymond Ambrose, work on road,	12 00
272	I. W. Frost, work on road,	10 00
305	North East Metal Culvert Co., metal culverts,	66 28
273	Henry Harmon,	20 00
		$ 135 28

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Order No.		
4	R. P. Thurston, lodging tramps,	$ 11 25
11	R. P. Thurston, lodging tramps,	5 00
299	Isaac Thurston, lodging tramps,	4 00
22	Walter Kennett, moving tramp house,	6 00
293	N. K. Forrest, for tramp house,	15 00
8	B. C. Synder, printing town reports,	42 50
12	John H. Burke, groceries for C. A. Gray,	10 00
16	Henry Harmon, wood for town hall,	2 25
17	Geo. A. Webster, watering trough,	1 50
20	E. S. Nickerson, housing snow roll,	2 00
30	John T. Clow, memorial money,	15 00
44	H. C. Harriman, work on R. R. signs,	6 00
47	E. C. Eastman, merchandise,	7 02
133	I. A. Forrest, money for Old Home Week,	100 00
246	H. C. Harriman, stone posts for Knapp and Cummings road,	13 80
294	Henry Harmon, freight and phone,	3 02
295	Henry Harmon, wood for town hall,	4 75
296	Henry Harmon, running town lines,	10 00
297	H. E. Chick, running town lines,	10 00
298	Clark Varney, running town lines,	14 00
303	Minnie E. Gerry, library money,	21 00
9	C. Ralph Kennett, bounty on hedge hogs,	1 40
275	H. E. Chick, bounty on hedge hogs,	3 40
290	John F. Chick, lumber,	3 08
5	H. E. Drew, repairing snow roller,	6 81
41	Frank A. Gray, repairing snow roller,	7 88
42	H. C. Harriman, repairing snow roller,	37 00
283	H. C. Harriman, repairing snow roller,	25 51
309	H. C. Harriman, repairing snow roller,	2 50
308	Frank A. Gray, repairing snow roller,	6 12
27	H. C. Harriman, lumber for snow roller,	6 34

Order No.		
217	Irving Ambrose, repairing road machine,	4 40
43	H. C. Harriman, repairing road machine,	1 50
311	James R. Thompson, housing snow roller,	2 00
312	Susie Greene, care of John Ward lot in cemetery,	5 00
313	Drs. G. H. and J. Z. Shedd, reporting deaths,	75
314	C. Ralph Kennett, bounty on hedge hogs,	7 60
315	C. Ralph Kennett, putting up R. R. signs,	3 00
317	Isaac Thurston, looking after tramp,	2 50
325	Walter Kennett, quilts for tramp house,	1 00
327	E. E. Kennett, care of town hall,	5 00
330	Estate of W. G. Martin, reporting births and deaths,	2 50
332	A. H. Reynolds, cleaning fish screen,	10 00
333	John H. Burke, groceries for Mrs. Rose Gray,	11 32
334	John H. Burke, picks, stamps and stationery,	3 90
		$ 464 60

TOWN OFFICERS

307	Henry Harmon, selectman,	$ 70 00
306	H. E. Chick, selectman,	65 00
324	C. Ralph Kennett, selectman,	60 00
322	Walter Kennett, services on board of health,	11 00
326	E. E. Kennett, services as supervisor for 1915 and 1916,	15 00
329	E. S. Mekison, services as supervisor,	10 00
328	George E. Chick, services as supervisor,	7 00

323	Roscoe G. Greene, services as collector,	40 00
320	Sidney D. Gilman, services as town clerk,	25 00
321	Samuel J. Gilman, services as treasurer,	25 00
		$ 328 00

RECAPITULATION

Receipts,		$8,821 88
Paid State tax,	$ 727 50	
County tax,	606 25	
School treasurer,	2,569 33	
Forest fires,	12 65	
Breaking roads,	770 51	
Highways and bridges,	1,265 47	
State road construction,	1,021 98	
State road maintenance,	175 17	
Cummings road,	135 28	
Miscellaneous bills,	464 60	
Town officers,	328 00	
		$ 8,076 74
Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1917,		$ 745 14

SAMUEL J. GILMAN,
Town Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, Isaac W. Frost, Auditor for the Town of Madison for the financial year ending Feb. 15th, 1917, hereby certify that I have carefully examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

ISAAC W. FROST,
Auditor.

Selectmen's Report

To Isaac W. Frost, Auditor for the financial year ending February 15, 1917:

In compliance with Chapter 40, Section 10, of the General Laws of the State of New Hampshire, we herewith submit a report of all our financial transactions during the past year with our vouchers therefor, together with a statement of the financial condition of the town.

Total valuation of the town exclusive of savings bank deposits, bonds or town notes,	$481,161 00
Savings bank deposits,	34,882 66
Resident tax warrant,	4,793 65
Non-resident tax warrant,	2,382 83

ACCOUNT WITH STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DR.

Insurance tax,	$ 5 62
Railroad tax,	217 88
Savings bank tax,	261 62
Literary fund,	62 10
Proportion of school fund,	490 83

CR.

Treasurer's receipt for state tax,	$ 727 50
Check for balance due town,	310 55

ACCOUNT WITH COUNTY OF CARROLL

Dr.

County tax,	$ 606 25

Cr.

Treasurer's receipt for county tax,	$ 606 25

SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Roscoe G. Greene, Collector

Resident warrant, 1916,	$4,793 65
Non-resident warrant, 1916,	2,382 83

ABATEMENTS MADE AND RECORDED

Marie P. Burke, watering trough,	$ 8 00
James O. Gerry, watering trough,	8 00
E. E. Kennett, watering trough,	1 50
Thomas Henderson, paid in Maine,	2 00
Fred Butler, not in town,	2 00
	$ 21 50

SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Payments made and charged to Town Treasurer,	$6,502 98
Balance due town, February 15, 1917,	705 80
Balance due town, February 15, 1916,	66 12
Balance due town, February, 1915,	65 02

HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE MONEY

Amount raised for summer, 1916	$1,400 00
Amount raised for winter,	700 00
Total amount,	$2,100 00
Amount paid for breaking roads, 1915-16	$ 770 51
Expended on highways and bridges,	1,265 47
Total amount,	$2,035 98
Balance,	$ 64 02

CUMMINGS' ROAD

Amount raised,	$ 200 00
Amount expended,	135 28
Balance,	$ 64 72

STATE HIGHWAY MONEY

State contribution,	$ 433 21
Town contribution,	~~763 32~~ 726 32
Total joint fund,	$1,159 53
State disbursements,	$ 58 09
Town disbursements,	1,021 98
Total,	$1,080 07
Paid by state to town,	$ 343 19
Balance in state treasury,	31 93
Balance in town treasury,	47 53
Total unexpended balance,	$ 79 46

MAINTENANCE OF STATE HIGHWAY

State contribution,	$ 206 25
Town contribution,	242 50
Total maintenance,	$ 448 75
State disbursements,	$ 206 06
Town disbursements,	175 17
Balance in state treasury,	~~19~~ 18 00
Balance in town treasury,	67 33

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN, FEB. 15, 1917

ASSETS

Amount in town treasury,	$ 745 14
Due from Roscoe G. Greene, collector, Feb. 15, 1917,	705 80
Due from Roscoe G. Greene, 1916,	66 12
Due from Roscoe G. Greene, 1915,	65 02
Due from state, bounty on hedge hogs,	11 00
Due from state, cleaning fish screen,	10 00
Total,	$1,609 08
	1603.08

LIABILITIES

Balance of Memorial Day fund,	$ 12 81
Due John Ward estate,	65 00
Contracted for printing reports,	42 50
Dog license,	64 80
Balance not expended on Pond bridge,	25 91
Highway money not expended,	64 02
Balance state highway money,	47 53

Balance state maintenance,	67 33
Balance not expended on Cummings road,	64 72
Total liabilities,	$ 454 62
Total assets,	$1,603 08
Total liabilities,	454 62
Balance over liabilities,	$1,148 46

HENRY HARMON,
HERBERT E. CHICK,
C. RALPH KENNETT,
Selectmen of Madison.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, Isaac W. Frost, Auditor for the Town of Madison, for the financial year ending February 15, 1917, hereby certify that I have carefully examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

ISAAC W. FROST,
Auditor.

MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Report for Year Ending February 15, 1917

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1916,	$ 18 23
Library tax,	21 00
	$ 39 23

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Mrs. Harriman for services as librarian,	$ 12 00
Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1917,	$ 27 23
Number of books in library,	1,446
Number added in 1916,	25

MINNIE H. GERRY, *Treas.*,
SADIE I. GILMAN,
JAMES O. GERRY,
Trustees.

Report of School Board

To the Citizens of Madison:

In compliance with the law and the usual custom, we hereby submit for your consideration the following descriptive, statistical and financial report of the Madison school district for the year ending February 15, 1917. As a part of our report is included that of the superintendent of schools.

School Board	Term expires
Edna A. Gilman,	1917
Ernest E. Kennett,	1918
*Dr. W. G. Martin,	1919

ORGANIZATION

Chairman,	Edna A. Gilman
Financial Secretary,	Edna A. Gilman
Secretary,	Supt. Alonzo J. Knowlton
Treasurer,	Sidney Gilman

*Deceased.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Mrs. Chairman and Member of the School Board:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit for your consideration my fifth annual report of the schools of Madison, it being the eighth in the series of such reports.

The New State Program of Studies which was adopted has been followed as closely as is consistent with a change from the old to the new. The complete

transfer will require about two years. The work of domestic arts, manual training and agriculture outlined in it have not been attempted for want of funds.

The standard tests begun last year have been continued. Some of the findings will be reported later. A full survey of the school conditions in the district has been made.

VACCINATION

All school children enrolled in town, have presented certificates from physicians that they have been vaccinated, or were not fit subjects for vaccination, or had submitted to the process three times or had had the small pox.

The enforcement of the vaccination law caused quite a good many absences at the beginning of the school year. Those children who are to enter next fall for the first time should be vaccinated early enough in the summer so as not to interfere with school attendance.

TRANSPORTATION

The only pupils transported this year are the two little girls from East Madison to the Nickerson school and the four from the Tasker district to Conway.

EYE AND EAR TEST

School children in the district have been tested as to sight and hearing with the following results: number tested 54; number found with defective eyes 16 or 31.4 per cent.; number found with defective hearing 9 or 16.6 per cent. Eight cases of defective eyesight and nine cases of defective hearing were serious enough for me to call the parent's attention to the fact. It is hoped that those parents will be sufficiently interested

to have the children examined by a specialist to see if some remedy can be prescribed. A child with either sight or hearing defective is handicapped in his school work. The school with the largest number of defectives is the one at the Corner.

REGISTRATION

GRADE	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total by grades
I	2	3	3									8
II		6	1	2								9
III			7	1	1		1					10
IV				9	5	4		1				19
V				2	2	1	1					6
VI						6	3	4		1		14
VII							2			1		3
VIII							2	1	4	2	1	10
	2	9	11	14	8	11	9	6	4	4	1	78

The above is corrected to October 1, 1916, and shows the number of pupils in each grade at the differ-

ent ages; the total number in all grades; the number at the same age in school; the number at age or where they belong chronologically; the number of precocious or those in advance of where their age would naturally place them; and the number of retarded or backward children. There are 22 or 28.4 per cent. over age or retarded pupils; 4 or 5.1 per cent. precocious children; and 52 or 66.5 per cent. who are at age.

The diagram becomes clear when it is read as follows: In the first grade there are two pupils six years old, three who are seven years old (these are at age being between the two broken diagonal lines); three who are eight years old or one year retarded, and a total of eight children in the first grade; in the fifth grade, we read that there are two pupils nine years of age, or one year in advance of where they would be according to their age—precocious; in the third grade we read that one child is 12 years old or three years retarded; and from the totals by years, we read that there are two pupils in school who are six years old, nine who are seven years old, etc.

ATTENDANCE BY SCHOOLS

		Aggregate for 23 weeks of school year 1916-1917		
School	Teacher	Different pupils registered	No. days lost	No. tardy
Conner	Florence L. Hemenway	31	219	149
Lake	Edith G. Ginn	18	160	295
	Anna R. Ross			
Mason	Lena S. Herrick	16	299.5	69
Nickerson	Dorothy M. Moore	13	105	32
	Total,	78	783.5	525

The tardy marks are excessive. It means an average of nearly seven marks for each child. The registers show that the marks are caused largely by three or four families. The teachers have used all means except the law to reduce the number. We are informed by the State Department that tardy marks, in the eye of the law, is the same as absence and the parents can be prosecuted for not sending the children to school on time. We hope that in the future there will be no occasion to complain about tardinesses for all parents wish their children to get the most out of the schools maintained with their money and for their good.

Attention is also called to the amount of time lost. The loss is exclusive of holidays. It averages more than two weeks for each child,—nearly one-tenth of the time of the school.

Some parents say that the absences are due in part to inclement weather. This is probably true and the balance is due to sickness, the most of which comes in the cold winter weather. Why not attempt to solve this problem, in a measure at least, by beginning the schools earlier in the fall—the first of August—and closing as we now do the last of June or the first days of July? The school buildings are now screened so that the children will not be annoyed by flies; the roads will be in better condition; and the weather much more comfortable for the children. This arrangement would give no school from about the middle of January to the first of April—the period when the greatest number of absences occurs. Is it not worth trying?

TESTS

The modified Rice's English test was given with the following results: Average for the supervisory district, 30.67 per cent.; Madison, 31.12 per cent.; Lake

school, 23.21 per cent.; Nickerson school, 33.33 per cent; Corner school, 36.66 per cent.; Mason school, 50 per cent. All tests were given and corrected by the superintendent of schools and so have the same general marking whether high or low.

The Ayre's standard spelling test was given in October and again in May with the following results: Lake school, October, 81.76 per cent., May 96 per cent., gain, 14.24 per cent.; Nickerson school, October, 82.8 per cent., May 90.54 per cent., gain, 7.74 per cent.; Mason school, October, 98.18 per cent., May, 100 per cent., gain, 1.82 per cent.; Corner school, October, 96.15 per cent., May 90.5 per cent., loss, 5.65 per cent.

REPAIRS

A new floor was placed in the Mason school building, underpinning repaired, new toilets were made with separate entrances for boys and girls from the school room. There remains to be done to put this building into excellent condition—a change in the lighting, change in method of heating, and more slate boards.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That paper towels and fixtures be purchased for all schools.
2. That water coolers be purchased for the Mason school.
3. That better toilet conditions be made for the Nickerson, Corner and Lake schools before we are compelled by the state to do so.
4. That jacketed stoves be secured for all schools.
5. That the District adopt the policy of thoroughly remodelling one school building each year.

IN MEMORIAM

During the fall term the school board lost one of its most efficient members, Dr. W. G. Martin. Dr. Martin was whole hearted and worked for the betterment of the schools. He stood for progress and was faithful in the performance of his duty.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the hearty co-operation which teachers, pupils, school board and citizens have given me during the past year in an effort to make the schools more efficient. I hope in the next five years to see even greater advancement than in the past five.

Respectfully submitted,

ALONZO J. KNOWLTON,

Superintendent of Schools.

North Conway, N. H., Feb. 12, 1917.

STATISTICS

Number of children in town between 5 and and 16 years,	93
(Boys, 53; Girls, 40.)	
Total number registered October 30, 1916,	76
Average number of weeks in the school year,	35.75
Average daily attendance of all schools together,	70.52
Average daily absence,	8.92
Average membership,	79.44
Per cent. of attendance,	88.79
Number of pupils not absent or tardy during the year,	3
Number cases of tardiness,	291

SCHOOL SURVEY (Most Prominent Facts)

School	Corner	Lake	Mason	Nickerson	What they should be
Lighting	From 4 sides	Ditto	3 sides	Ditto	Left side or left side and back
Relation glass surface to floor space	1 to 9.2	1 to 7	1 to 8	1 to 10	1 to 4 or favorable 1 to 5
Floors	Hardwood	Ditto	Ditto	Soft wood	Hardwood
Blackbo'rds	Wood and paper	Ditto	Wood, paper and slate	Wood and slate	Slate
Toilets	Separate in wood shed with common entrance	Ditto	Separate entrance from school room	Common, not of easy access	Separate, separate entrances from school room, free from all marks, under control of teacher
Heating	Unjacketed stove	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Jacketed stove
Ventilation	Doors and windows	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	System connected with jacketed stove
Playground	3-4 acre	1-3 acre	None	None that is usable	At least one acre
Seats	Double non-adjustable	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Single adjustable

Number of pupils who completed the work of the eighth grade,	9
Number attending high school for which tuition tuition is paid by town,	5

FINANCES

Report of Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 1917

REVENUE

Balance from last year,	$ 572 98
Amount required by law,	727 50
Additional amount voted by District,	650 00
Amount assessed for books and supplies,	75 00
Amount assessed to pay high school tuition,	200 00
Amount assessed for salaries of district officers,	150 00
Amount assessed for repairs and remodelling,	150 00
Amount of literary fund from the state,	62 10
Amount from state for superintendent,	106 25
Amount from state for tuition rebate,	15 33
Amount from state for approved teachers,	262 00
Amount received for average attendance,	107 25
Amount received from dog licenses, April, 1916,	63 90
Total revenue,	$3,142 31

EXPENDITURES

Text books,	$ 35 51
Scholars' supplies,	67 26
Teachers' salaries,	1,613 00
Superintendent,	209 40
School Board, services and expenses,	30 00
Truant officer and enumeration of children,	7 00

Other district officers,	7 00
High school tuition,	194 67
Elementary school tuition,	50 00
Repairs,	245 51
Transportation,	175 00
Janitor service,	37 40
Clerical services,	5 00
Fuel,	45 25
Unclassified expenses, (stationery, stamps, etc.,)	13 60
Building supplies,	12 32
Total expenditures,	$2,747 92
Balance on hand,	$ 394 39

RECOMMENDATIONS

In acordance with Chapter 52, Session Laws of 1909, we recommend the following as amounts required for the year 1917, for the various items enumerated:

Amount required by law,	$ 780 00	
Books and scholars' supplies,	85 00	
High school tuition,	200 00	
		$ 1,065 00

ADDITIONAL

For general school purposes,	$ 650 00	
For all district officers,	150 00	
For repairs and remodelling,	200 00	
		$ 1,000 00
Total,		$2,065 00

The district must raise by taxation for all purposes in order to get State Aid $1,775.52.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA A. GILMAN,
ERNEST E. KENNETT,
School Board.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Current Year

Received from the town treasurer,	$2,569 33
Balance in treasury as per last report,	572 98
	$3,142 32

DISBURSEMENTS

Order No.		
1	Martha A. Long, transportation for winter term, 1916,	$ 38 50
2	W. A. Leavitt, painting,	4 12
3	Frank D. Frost, sawing wood,	2 25
4	Stanley Thurston, sawing wood,	2 25
5	A. J. Knowlton, superintendent, Feb. and March,	34 38
6	Geo. D. Burbank, cleaning clock,	75
7	World Book,	8 55
8	The Macmillan Co., books,	10 80
9	Benj. H. Sanborn Co., books,	3 12
10	Ellinor Cunningham, teaching,	44 00
11	Lillian L. Weeks, teaching,	44 00
12	Bertha L. Cross, teaching,	48 00
13	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	42 00

14	John H. Burke, wood,	22	50
15	Nute high school tuition,	60	00
16	Mrs. W. L. Jenness, cleaning school house,	2	00
17	Mrs. Elvira Drew, cleaning school house,	3	00
18	W. L. Jenness, cleaning vault,	1	00
19	Fred Bickford, cleaning vault,	1	50
20	A. J. Knowlton, services as superintendent for April,	17	19
21	Beckley Card Co.,	11	52
22	Milton, Bradley Co., school supplies,	21	50
23	Bertha L. Cross, teaching,	48	00
24	Lillian L. Weeks, teaching,	44	00
25	Ellinor Cunningham, teaching,	44	00
26	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	42	00
27	J. R. Thompson, painting,	2	00
28	Mrs. W. L. Jenness, labor at Madison school house,	2	00
29	A. J. Knowlton, services for May,	17	19
30	Henry B. Bacon, tuition ½ term,	6	67
31	Conway School District, tuition,	22	00
32	Elwin Drew, cleaning vault,	3	00
33	D. H. Knowlton & Co., certificates,		50
34	A. J. Knowlton, services for June,	17	19
35	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	42	00
36	Lillian L. Weeks, teaching,	44	00
37	Ellinor Cunningham, teaching,	44	00
38	Geo. W. Hayes, transportation,	12	00
39	Bertha L. Cross, teaching,	48	00
40	Martha S. Long, transportation,	38	50
41	Milton, Bradley Co., spelling blanks,	1	80
42	A. J. Knowlton, services for July,	17	19
43	W. L. Jenness, mowing school yard,	1	00
44	W. A. Leavitt, puttying in glass,		50
45	Guy W. Nickerson, labor on Mason school house,	36	30

46	John K. Stillings, labor on Mason school house,	44	00
47	W. L. Jenness, labor on school house,	1	50
48	Florence L. Hemenway, teaching,	48	00
49	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	48	00
50	Edith G. Ginn, teaching,	44	00
51	Dorothy M. Moore, teaching,	44	00
52	A. J. Knowlton, services for Aug. and Sept.,	35	52
53	Edward E. Babb & Co., books,		53
54	Milton, Bradley Co., supplies,	24	24
55	Dorothy M. Moore, teaching,	44	00
56	Florence M. Hemenway, teaching,	48	00
57	Edith G. Ginn, teaching,	44	00
58	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	48	00
59	Proctor Academy, tuition J. Burke,	15	00
60	I. W. Frost, 3 cords wood,	13	50
61	A. L. Stacy, labor on Mason school house,	6	00
62	Florence L. Hemenway, teaching,	48	00
63	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	48	00
64	Dorothy M. Moore, teaching,	44	00
65	A. J. Knowlton, services for October,	17	71
66	Edith G. Ginn, teaching six weeks,	66	00
67	Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies,	5	67
68	American Book Co., books,		91
69	Houghton, Mifflin Co., books,	3	23
70	Ginn & Co., books,		64
71	Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co., books,	4	76
72	B. C. Snyder & Co., record cards,	5	00
73	Conway School District, tuition, fall term,	28	00
74	A. J. Knowlton, services for November,	17	71
75	Dorothy M. Moore, teaching,	44	00
76	Florence L. Hemenway, teaching,	48	00
77	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	48	00

78	Anna L. Ross, 3 weeks,	36 00
79	Martha A. Long, transportation,	63 00
80	A. J. Knowlton, services for December,	17 71
81	A. J. Knowlton, stationery, telephoning, postage, etc.,	11 60
82	A. D. Savary, building fires,	2 00
83	Leslie Emerson, labor on Mason school house,	2 00
84	E. E. Kennett, labor,	3 50
85	Mrs. W. L. Jenness, building fires,	2 00
86	J. F. Chick & Son, building material,	131 84
87	Elwin Drew, cord wood,	4 75
88	J. E. Chesley, repairs on school house,	3 00
89	Anna L. Ross,	1 40
90	Proctor Academy, tuition,	13 00
91	Hattie L. Chick, services as clerk,	2 00
92	Dorothy M. Moore, teaching,	66 00
93	Florence L. Hemenway, teaching,	72 00
94	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	72 00
95	Lena S. Herrick, building fires,	5 50
96	Florence L. Hemenway, teaching,	12 00
97	Dorothy M. Moore, teaching,	11 00
98	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	12 00
99	Geo. W. Hayes, transportation,	23 00
100	Noah Ward, building fires,	5 50
101	E. E. Kennett, labor,	6 00
102	Gilman Bros., supplies,	12 32
103	R. G. Greene, truant officer, etc.,	7 00
104	S. D. Gilman, treasurer,	5 00
105	Mrs. Anna L. Ross, teaching,	84 00
106	W. G. Martin Estate,	10 00
107	E. E. Kennett, member of school board,	10 00
108	Edna Gilman, member of school board,	10 00
109	Edna Gilman, stamps, etc.,	2 00
110	Mrs. Elwin Drew, labor,	1 00

111	Nute High School, tuition,	100 00
112	G. G. Berchard, building fires,	2 50
113	Mrs. W. L. Jenness, building fires,	4 00
114	J. L. Frost, building steps,	4 00
115	Edna A. Gilman, clerical expenses,	5 00
116.	A. J. Knowlton, services for January,	17 71
	Balance in treasury,	394 39
		$3,142 31

SYDNEY D. GILMAN,
School Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I, Isaac W. Frost, Auditor for the Town of Madison, N. H., for the balance of year ending February 15th, 1917, hereby certify that I have carefully examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

ISAAC W. FROST,
Auditor.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:—In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages, and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report, I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS.

Date	Name of the Child (if any)	Sex and Condition: Male or Female	Sex and Condition: Living or Stillborn	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan 20	Stanley S	Male	Living	3	White	Albert Reynolds	Clarie L Stowell	White	Madison	Mine operator	Potsdam N Y	Perry N Y
Apr 24	Hazel	Fem'le	"	1		Reed B Gilman	Maud E Thurston		"	Laborer	Freedom	Shapley Me
15	Doris M	"	"	3		Geo C Nelson	Bessie Patterson		"	Mill operator	Newport R I	Boston Mass
24	Pearl E	"	"	1		Edgar Shaw	Lizzie Lowd		"	Farming	P E Island N S	Madison
29	Elcena L	"	"	2		Albion Twombley	Eva B Tyler		"	Butcher	Madison	Boston Mass
Feb 8	Herbert E	Male	"	3		Wm A Leavitt	Alice O Mason		"	Painter	Effingham	Albany
May 23	Virginia M	Fem'le	"	1		Ernest Harriman	Leona Parker		"	Bookkeeper	Eaton	Buxton Me
July 20	Carlyle M	Male	"	1		George Chick	Marj. Twombley		"	Lumber dealer	Madison	Alton
23		"	"	2		Geo Frank Moore	Nellie Thurston		"	Laborer	Albany	Madison
24	Frederick F	"	"	5		Wm S Ferren	Jennie Wright		"	"	Taunton Mass	Boston Mass
Aug 2		Fem'le	"	3		Nelson J Towle	Clara M Frost		"	"	Madison	Redding Mass
5	Jesse M	"	"	3		Jesse Shackford	Pauline Hurd		"	"	Eaton	Freedom
Sept 7	Naomi	"	"	4		Frank B Nason	Henrietta Emery		"	Painter	Madison	Jackson
Oct 1	Langdon I	Male	"	2		Irving Garrison	Mertie E Lyman		New York	Chauffeur	Long Island N Y	Madison

MARRIAGES.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride and Residence of Each at Time of Marriage.	Age in Years	Color of Each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Birthplace of Each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
Sept 27	Wakefield	Albert R Drew Madison	23	White	Laborer	Madison	Enoch L Drew	Madison	Geo A Bennett c Wakefield
		Maud M Mooney East Wakefield	23			Oklahoma	Geo W Mooney	Madison	
Oct 11	Madison	AbnerHarmon Madison	25		Laborer	Madison	Joel M Harmon	Madison	John T Clow c Madison
		Alice Alberta Mason Freedom	18		Waitress	Freedom	Gardner Nason	Standish Me	
26	Madison	Horace B Thompson Madison	24		Engineer		Jas R Thompson	Halifax N S	John T Clow c Madison
		Bessie E Pearson Madison	27		Schoolteacher	Madison	John H Pearson	Newburyport M	

DEATHS.

Date	Name of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex and Condition			Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maide Name of Mother
		Years	Months	Days		Male or Female	Color	Single Married or Widowed		Father	Mother		
Jan 14	Mabel L Seavey		4	1	Madison	Fem'le	White	Siugle		Digby N S	Albany	Zantford Savarg	Mabel Moody
Feb 3	Mary I Webster	19	3	17	"	"		Married	Housewife	Madison	Tamworth	Geo Nickerson	M S Kenerson
18	Rhoda W Pearson	84	2	15	Victory Vt	"		Wid	'	Canaan	Burke Vt	Moses Whittier	Lois Whittier
Mar 5	Alexander Long	89	6	12		Male			Farmer			Samuel Long	Mary Cook
7	Mary J Haines	62			Madison	Fem'le		Married	Housewife	Eaton	Eaton	Timothy Gilman	Carol'e Crocker
13	Joseph E Burke	54	11	29		Male		'	Farmer	Madison	Madison	James Burke	Mellisia Ferren
20	Horace C Abbott	80	4	17		"			"			Jeremiah Abbott	Mary Smith
May 26	Mark Nickerson	34	6	22	Madison	"		"	Carpenter	Madison	Madison	Geo Nickerson	M S Kenerson
June 11	Charles Mahan	50				"							
July 12	Rhoda M Chick	77	7	20	Berwick Me	Fem'le		Married	Housewife			Ezra Billings	Hannah Ford
Oct 6	Wilbur G Martin	52	6	9	Lovell Me	Male		'	Physician	Hoboken Me	Lovell Me	Wilbur Martin	Oreanan Russell
Nov 24	Ernest Harriman	23	10	10	Alton	"		"	Millman	Alton	Alton	D Harriman	Etta B Lamper

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true transcript of the record of all the Births, Marriages and Deaths that have been reported to me for the year ending December 31, 1916

SYDNEY D. GILMAN, Town Clerk.

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